

**Federal Nutrition and Physical Activity Related  
Legislation 2011-2012  
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Bill Name & Number	Original Sponsor	Bill Summary	Last Major Action & Status	Web Address
H.R.317 – Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grower Tax Incentive Act of 2011	Rep. Joe Baca [D-CA-43]	To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for certain fruit and vegetable farmers.	1/19/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.317:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.317:</a>
H.R.350 – Anti-hunger Empowerment Act of 2011	Rep. Jose E. Serrano [D-NY-16]	Amends the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (formerly known as the Food Stamp Act of 1977) to replace current supplemental nutrition assistance program (formerly known as the food stamp program) administrative cost provisions with provisions authorizing 75% reimbursement for specified state activities to increase program access.	3/9/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.350:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.350:</a>
H.R.377- Food Assistance to Improve Reintegration Act of 2011	Rep. Barbara Lee [D-CA-9]	To amend the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 to repeal the denial of food stamp eligibility of ex-offenders.	3/3/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.377:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.377:</a>
H.R.422 - To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that schools have physical education programs that meet minimum requirements for physical education.	Rep. Joe Baca [D-CA-43]	Amends part A of title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require states and local educational agencies that receive school improvement funds under such part to ensure that their schools provide: (1) 150 minutes of physical education per week for elementary school students; (2) 225 minutes of physical education per week for middle and secondary school students; and (3) disabled students with such physical education as is determined appropriate under their individualized education programs.	2/25/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.422:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.422:</a>

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H. R.537 – Safe Food for Seniors Act of 2011	Rep. Gerald E. “Gerry” Connolly [D-VA-11]	To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act with respect to the qualification of the director of food services of a Medicare skilled nursing facility or a Medicaid nursing facility.	2/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.537:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.537:</a>
H. R. 576 – Healthy Children Through School Nutrition Education Act	Rep. Joe Baca [D-CA-43]	To amend section 9A of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act to require each local educational agency participating in a program authorized by the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to include under the local school wellness policy established by the agency a requirement that students receive 50 hours of school nutrition education per school year.	3/4/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.576:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.576:</a>
H.R. 1057 – Fit Kids Act	Rep. Ron Kind [D-WI-3]	Amends the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to require annual state and local educational agency report cards to include specified information on school health and physical education programs. Includes the promotion of healthy, active lifestyles by students within ESEA grant programs that support school counseling, smaller learning communities, community learning centers, and parental involvement in their children's' education. Revises the professional development program for teachers and principals to include training for physical and health education teachers, and training on improving students' health habits and participation in physical activities. Directs the Secretary of Education to contract with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) for a study that: (1) assesses the effect health and physical education have on students' ability to learn; and (2) makes recommendations for improving, and measuring improvements to, their health and physical education in schools.	4/4/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1057:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1057:</a>
H.R.1382 – White House Conference on Food and Nutrition Act	Rep. James P. McGovern [D-MA -3]	Directs: (1) the President to call the White House Conference on Food and Nutrition to be convened in order to make fundamental policy recommendations on ways to end hunger and to improve nutrition in the United States; and (2) the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Secretary of Agriculture (USDA), and the Secretary of the Treasury to plan and conduct the Conference.	5/11/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition and Horticulture.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1382:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1382:</a>

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H.R.1542 Supermarket Tax Credit for Underserved Areas Act	Rep. Steve Cohen [D-TN-9]	This bill amends the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax incentives for the establishment of supermarkets in certain underserved areas. This bill specifies a credit for sales of locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables.	4/14/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1542:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.1542:</a>
H.R.2112 - Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2012	Rep. Jack Kingston [R-GA-1]	To appropriate sums out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and related Agency programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012 and for other purposes.	11/3/2011 Conference committee actions. Status: Conference held.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2112:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2112:</a>
H.R. 2649 - To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat certain amounts paid for physical activity, fitness, and exercise as amounts paid for medical care.	Rep. Kevin Brady [R-TX-8]	The purpose of this Act is to promote health and prevent disease, particularly diseases related to being overweight and obese, by encouraging healthier lifestyles; providing financial incentives to ease the financial burden of engaging in healthy behavior; and increasing the ability of individuals and families to participate in physical fitness activities.	7/26/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2649:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2649:</a>
H.R. 2684 – P.E. for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Act	Rep. Leonard L. Boswell [IA-3]	To establish a competitive pilot program that utilizes community, innovation, and technology to improve physical fitness education and curriculum in elementary schools and secondary schools.	Latest Major Action: 9/8/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2684:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2684:</a>
H.R. 2795 – Fit for Life Act 2011	Rep. Marcia L. Fudge [D-OH-11]	To address childhood obesity, and for other purposes.	10/4/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Insurance, Housing and Community Opportunity.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2795:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2795:</a>
H.R. 2816	Rep. Marcia L. Fudge [D-OH-11]	Promoting Health as Youth Skills In Classrooms And Life Act. Amends the Department of Education Organization Act to establish an Office of Safe and Healthy Students in the Department of Education to assume the responsibilities of the Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools and expand such responsibilities to broader	Latest Major Action: 8/30/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2816:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.2816:</a>

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H.R. 3092- Local School Foods Act	Rep. Peter Welch [D-VT]	To conduct a pilot program in support of efforts to increase the amount of purchases of local fresh fruits and vegetables for schools and service institutions by giving certain States the option of receiving a grant from the Secretary of Agriculture for that purpose instead of obtaining commodities under Department of Agriculture programs.	10/4/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3092:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3092:</a> #
H.R. 3111 – REFRESH Act of 2011	Rep. Marlin Stutzman [R-IN – 3]	Includes amendments to section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 in the areas of: eligibility; funding for employment and training programs; repeal of incentive payments to states with low SNAP benefit allocation error rates; and quality control.	10/5/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3111:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3111:</a> #
H.R. 3225 – Community Agriculture Development and Jobs Act	Rep. Marcy Kaptur [D-OH -9]	To promote and enhance community agricultural production and technology in nontraditional communities through the establishment of a new office in the Department of Agriculture to ensure that Department authorities are coordinated more effectively to encourage local agricultural production and increase the availability of fresh food in nontraditional communities, particularly underserved communities experiencing hunger, poor nutrition, obesity, and food insecurity, and for other purposes.	10/14/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3225:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3225:</a>
H.R. 3286 –Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act of 2011	Rep. Chellie Pingree [D - ME -1]	The Local Farms, Food, and Jobs Act will improve federal farm bill programs that support local and regional farm and food systems. This legislation will help farmers and ranchers engaged in local and regional agriculture by addressing production, aggregation, processing, marketing, and distribution needs and will also assist consumers by improving access to healthy food and direct and retail markets. And of utmost importance, this legislation will provide more secure funding for critically important programs that support family farms, expand new farming opportunities, and invest in the local agriculture economy.	11/1/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3286:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3286:</a>

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H.R. 3291 – Healthy Foods for Healthy Living Act	Rep. Nydia M. Velazquez [D-NY -12]	To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to community-based organizations and local redevelopment agencies operating in low-income communities to promote increased access to and consumption of fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, and other healthy foods among residents of such communities, and for other purposes.	11/1/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3291:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.R.3291:</a>
S. 174 – Healthy Lifestyles and Prevention America Act	Sen. Tom Harkin [D-IA]	A bill to improve the health of Americans and reduce health care costs by reorienting the Nation's health care system toward prevention, wellness, and health promotion.	1/25/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.174:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.174:</a>
S. 392 – Promoting Health as Youth Skills in Classrooms And Life Act	Sen. Tom Udall [D-NM]	To support and encourage the health and well-being of elementary school and secondary school students by enhancing school physical education and health education.	2/17/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.392:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.392:</a>
S. 576 – Fit Kids Act	Sen. Tom Harkin [D-IA]	A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to improve standards for physical education.	3/15/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.576:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.576:</a>
S. 919 – Successful, Safe and Healthy Students Act of 2011	Sen. Tom Harkin [D-IA]	A bill to authorize grant programs to ensure successful, safe and healthy students.	5/9/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.919:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.919:</a>
S. 1414 - Community-Supported Agriculture Promotion Act	Sen. Bernard, Sanders [I-VT]	A bill to amend the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 to establish a community supported agriculture promotion program.	7/26/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1414:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1414:</a>
S. 1593	Sen. Kristen Gillibrand [D-NY]	A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require State electronic benefit transfer contracts to treat wireless program retail food stores in the same manner as wired program retail food stores.	9/21/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1593:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1593:</a>

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S. 1658 – REFRESH Act of 2011	Sen. Richard Lugar [R –IN]	Includes amendments to section 5 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 in the areas of: eligibility; funding for employment and training programs; repeal of incentive payments to states with low SNAP benefit allocation error rates; and quality control.	10/5/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1658:#">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1658:#</a>
S. 1773 – Local Farms, Food and Jobs Act of 2011	Sen. Sherrod Brown [D - OH]	The Local Farms, Food, and Jobs Act will improve federal farm bill programs that support local and regional farm and food systems. This legislation will help farmers and ranchers engaged in local and regional agriculture by addressing production, aggregation, processing, marketing, and distribution needs and will also assist consumers by improving access to healthy food and direct and retail markets. And of utmost importance, this legislation will provide more secure funding for critically important programs that support family farms, expand new farming opportunities, and invest in the local agriculture economy.	11/1/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1773:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.1773:</a>
S.RES.97	Sen. Robert Casey, P. Jr. [D-PA]	A resolution affirming the importance of exercise and physical activity as key components of a healthy lifestyle, including in combating obesity, reducing chronic disease, and lowering health care costs.	3/9/2011 Passed/agreed to in Senate. Status: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.RES.97:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.RES.97:</a>
S.RES.98 - A resolution to express the sense of the Senate regarding the school breakfast program	Sen. Herb Kohl [D-WI]	Recognizes the importance of the school breakfast program and its overall positive effect on the lives of low-income children and families, as well as its effect on helping to improve a child's overall classroom performance. Expresses the support of the House of Representatives for states that have successfully implemented school breakfast programs in order to improve the test scores and grades of their participating students. Encourages states to: (1) strengthen their school breakfast programs by improving student access, (2) promote improvements in the nutritional quality of breakfasts served, and (3) inform students and parents of healthy nutritional and lifestyle choices.	3/10/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.RES.98:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.RES.98:</a>
S. RES. 173	Sen. Amy Klobuchar [D-MN]	Designating the week of May 1 through May 7, 2011, as National Physical Education and Sports Week.	5/9/2011 Referred to Senate committee. Status: Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.RES.173:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.RES.173:</a>

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S.RES. 187	Sen. Benjamin L. Cardin [D-MD]	A resolution supporting national minority health awareness in order to bring attention to the severe health disparities faced by minority populations such as American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asians, Blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.	5/17/2011 Passed/agreed to in Senate. Status: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.RES.187:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.RES.187:</a>
S.RES. 204	Sen. Robert P. Casey, Jr. [D-PA]	A resolution designating June 7, 2011, as "National Hunger Awareness Day".	5/26/2011 Passed/agreed to in Senate. Status: Submitted in the Senate, considered, and agreed to without amendment and with a preamble by Unanimous Consent.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.RES.204:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:S.RES.204:</a>
H. RES. 153 -To express the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the school breakfast program	Rep. Gwen Moore [D-WI-4]	Recognizes the importance of the school breakfast program and its overall positive effect on the lives of low-income children and families, as well as its effect on helping to improve a child's overall classroom performance. Expresses the support of the House of Representatives for states that have successfully implemented school breakfast programs in order to improve the test scores and grades of their participating students. Encourages states to: (1) strengthen their school breakfast programs by improving student access, (2) promote improvements in the nutritional quality of breakfasts served, and (3) inform students and parents of healthy nutritional and lifestyle choices.	3/8/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.RES.153:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.RES.153:</a>
H. RES. 171	Rep. Robert A. Brady [D-PA-1]	Supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Awareness Month in April 2011 in order to bring attention to the severe health disparities faced by minority populations such as American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asians, Blacks or African-Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.	3/15/2011 Referred to House committee. Status: Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.RES.171:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.RES.171:</a>
H. RES. 217	Rep. Jo Ann Emerson [R-MO-8]	Supports the goals of Global Child Nutrition Month. Urges the Administration to develop a comprehensive plan which will provide for the expansion of nutrition programs, especially for young children, as part of President Obama's goal to eliminate childhood hunger in the United States by 2015.	5/13/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.RES.217:">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.RES.217:</a>

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H.RES. 339 Expressing support for designation of September as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month.	Rep. Marcia L. Fudge [D - OH -11]	Expresses support for the designation of National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month. Recognizes the importance of preventing childhood obesity and decreasing its prevalence in the United States.	7/15/2011 Referred to House subcommittee. Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	<a href="http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.RES.339">http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c112:H.RES.339:</a>